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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

On February 17, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the above identified application, with regard to claims 1-19.


Applicants provisionally elect Group III claims 15-19, drawn to a microscope apparatus.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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